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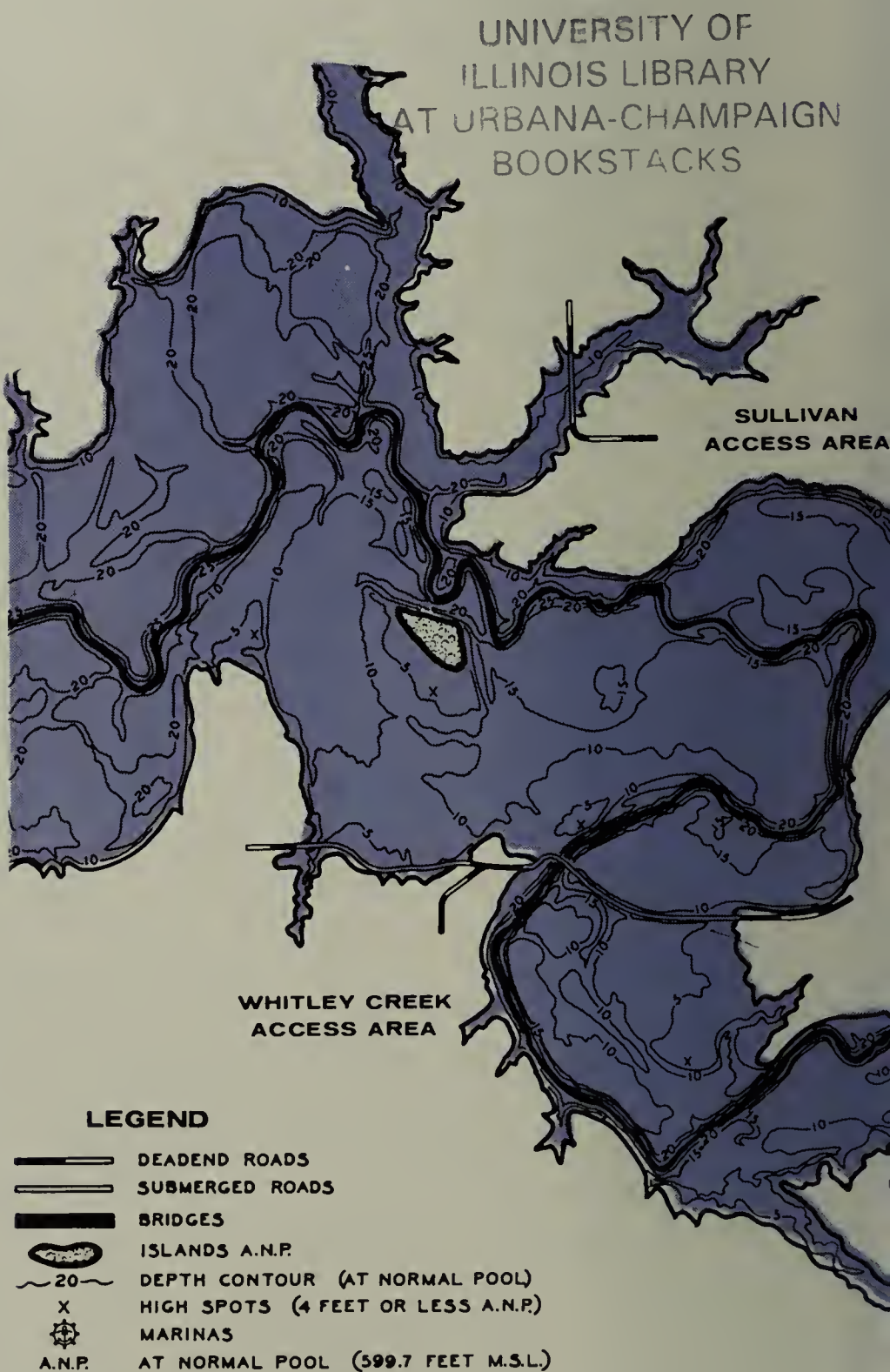


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Illinois

The Illinois State Library has two basic responsibilities: to serve as a research library for state government and to coordinate the statewide network (ILLINET) of more than 2,500 academic, public, school and special libraries. To fulfill these roles, the State Library has acquired a significant collection



Section of Lake Shelbyville map used by fishermen.

State Library Map Collection

consisting predominantly of Illinois maps. Other outstanding map collections in the state give patrons access to maps not found in the State Library collection.

Most of the 140,000 maps in the State Library collection are received through depository programs.

Illinois Maps

The State Library has a strong collection of 19th and 20th century plat books and maps, showing land ownership in rural areas. The Sanborn fire insurance atlases, on microfilm, show urban areas of Illinois from the 1880s to 1950.

Other special Illinois collections include: county highway maps from 1937 to the present; official state highway maps from 1917 to the present; decennial census maps back to 1950; and the Illinois topographic quadrangles back to the early 1900s. Statewide historical maps include Tanner's 1833 Illinois map and David Burr's 1834 Illinois map of postroads. Maps of more current concerns include coal mine subsidence and taxing districts, flood insurance rate maps, 1990 census geography, wetlands and election districts.

The Illinois State Library also makes available outline maps for patrons who want to draw their own.



U.S. Maps

Types of maps collected for the whole country include state highway maps; national forest maps; nautical charts; county soil surveys; city street maps; and topographic maps for all states.

Historical collections include the U.S. Geological Survey folios; maps of 19th century expeditions to the West, select county plat maps and atlases in microform, and decennial census maps for metropolitan areas back to 1960.

Foreign Maps

The select collection includes nautical charts of foreign waters, general maps of countries, and detailed late 19th and early 20th century maps on microfiche of Germany, Poland, and Austria.

Atlases, Gazetteers and Carto-bibliographies

These and other reference books support and complement the sheet map collection.

Atlases – Groups of maps bound in book format:

- “Historical Atlas of the United States Congressional Districts”
- “Historical U.S. County Outline Map Collection 1840-1980”
- “Rand McNally Commercial Atlas and Marketing Guide”
- “National Atlas of the United States of America”
- “Township Atlas of the United States”
- Illinois atlases
- General world atlases



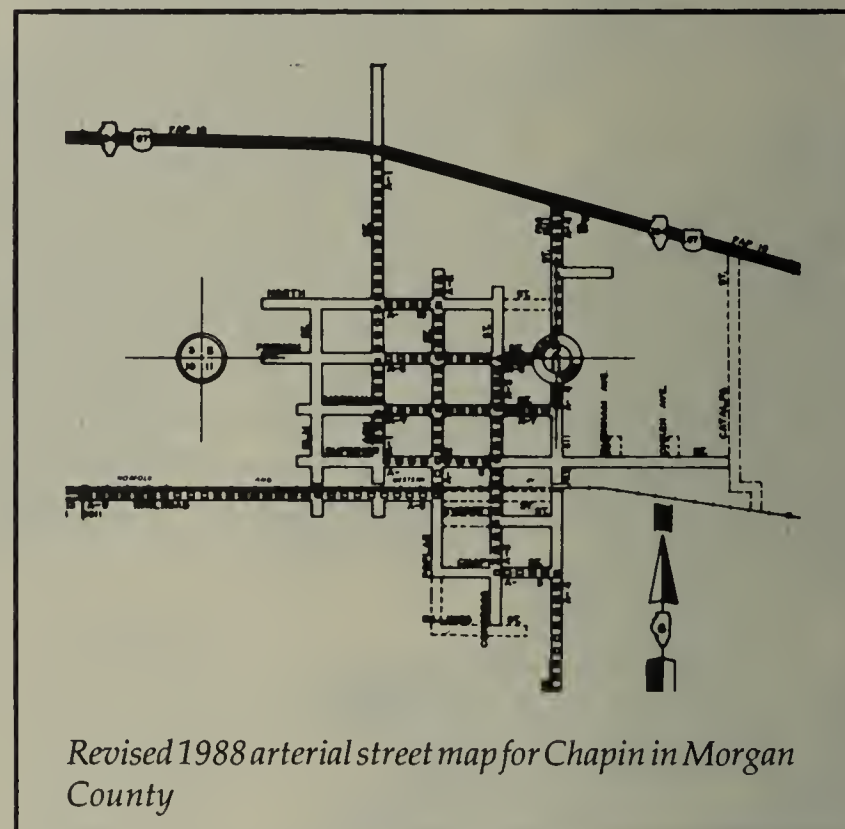
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"Index to Maps in Books and Catalogs"
"Mapping the Trans-Mississippi West, 1540-1861"
"Research Catalog of Maps of America to 1860 in the William L. Clements Library"
"United States Atlases"
New York Public Library/Map Division catalog
"Views and Viewmakers of Urban America"

Services and Access

Staff is available to help patrons and answer inquiries during regular library hours. Most maps are accessible through the library's online catalog. The maps can be circulated or loaned; photocopying services are available.

HOURS: 8 a.m. to 5 p.m. weekdays, except state holidays.

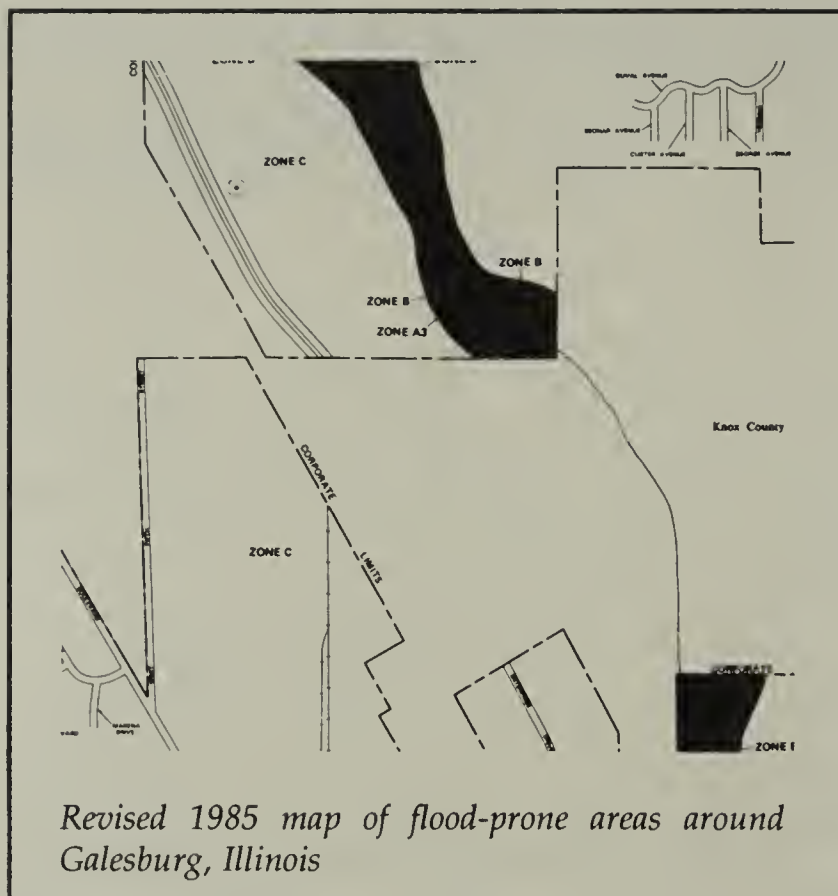


Revised 1988 arterial street map for Chapin in Morgan County

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Revised 1985 map of flood-prone areas around Galesburg, Illinois

Historical atlases
Road atlases
Selected foreign national atlases
Selected military atlases
Thematic atlases for states

Gazetteers – Dictionaries of place-names, such as towns, mountains, and rivers, listing location, history and other information:

"A Gazetteer of Illinois" (1837)
"Ghost Towns of Southern Illinois"
"Illinois Geographic Names Alphabetical Finding List"
"Illinois: Guide and Gazetteer"
"Illinois Place Names"
"Indian Place Names in Illinois"
Gazetteers for many states
U.S. Board on Geographic names gazetteers for most foreign countries
"Bibliography of Place-Name Literature"

Carto-bibliographies – Bibliographies listing maps and atlases:

"Checklist of Printed Maps of the Middle West to 1900"
"Fire Insurance Maps in the Library of Congress"
"GEOKATALOG"
"Guide to USGS Geologic and Hydrologic Maps"